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royalties have also been seen at Hampton Court and the Tower of London.

The Empress of Austria had a warning of her death on the night preceding the tragedy at Geneva in 1898. She was awakened in the night by the bright moonbeams which filled her room, and saw in the moonlight the face of a woman weeping bitterly. She took this apparition as a portent of impending disaster. On that fateful morning, Czateray, who went into the Empress's room, as usual, to ask how she had slept, found her Imperial mistress looking pale and sad. 'I have had such a strange experience,' said Elizabeth. 'I was awakened in the middle of the night, and saw the apparition of a woman standing near me, who was weeping. I fear it is a presentiment of misfortune, and danger is imminent.' A few hours later Lucchini stabbed her to death on the side of the lake, as she was about to embark on a steamer.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is said to

be haunted by the ghost of his late Minister, Count Stambuloff. This apparition has been seen by his side sometimes when he was driving, and frequently when he was walking. On one occasion Ferdinand visited a certain princess, and it was noticed that both she and her lady-in-waiting seemed much perturbed. It transpired later that both saw a man 'who looked like a corpse' standing beside the king. A courtier who had known Stambuloff, and heard the description of the apparition from the lady-in-waiting, stated that it was undoubtedly the dead statesman.

Two kings of Denmark of olden times are said to 'revisit the pale glimpses of the moon' in much the same way as Hamlet's father. Abel, who reigned several centuries ago, and murdered his brother, still haunts the wood of Poole near Sleswig; and the old Scandinavian king Valdemar IV. is said to appear at times in the great forest of Gurre, near Elsinore.

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MASURIAN FOLK-SONG

Sorrow was the nurse I had,
Sorrow sang a little song for me:
Weep, oh child mine, weep, oh!

Care was tramping with me on my way,
Care sang too a little song for me:
Weep, oh child mine, weep, oh!

Pain was waiting for me in the dark,
Pain was whispering the same old tune:
Weep, oh child mine, weep, oh!

But at last comes the Redeemer Death,
And he sings a sweet and peaceful song:
Sleep, oh child mine, sleep, oh!